***Potential Speakers and Their Contact Information***

**Focus Issue: Any**

**Gary Christenson, Mayor**

200 Pleasant Street, Room 629

Malden, MA 02148

Telephone: 781-397-7000

Fax: 781-397-7073

*He is the Mayor of Malden so he could speak to any of the focus issues since he is responsible for providing answers to any inquiries anyone has about any aspect of city government. He may be willing to come. I have also listed some people in his staff to contact as well.*

**Kathleen Manning Hall, Chief Administrative Officer (a part of Mayor Christenson’s Staff)**

Email: [kmanninghall@cityofmalden.org](mailto:kmanninghall@cityofmalden.org)

Telephone: 781-397-7000

*Ms. Hall’s children are in the Malden School district and she has substantial knowledge about the Malden community, so I think she would be able to relate to students.*

**Paul Hammersley, Online Services and Communications Specialist (a part of Mayor Christenson’s Staff)**

Email: [phammersley@cityofmalden.org](mailto:phammersley@cityofmalden.org)

Telephone: 781-397-7000.

*He is a graduate of Malden High School Class of 1985. He also loves to work with Media, so I think he could speak nicely to the kids on how to incorporate media to reach out to constituents to help best get the student’s message and initiative across.*

**Karen Colón Hayes, Community Outreach Manager/Coordinator (a part of Mayor Christenson’s Staff)**

Email: khayes@cityofmalden.org

Telephone: 781-397-7000

*Ms. Hayes is raising children in the Malden Public School system. She also founded Friends of Oak Grove, Inc. (FOOGI) in Malden, which aims to unite ties between neighbors in the community to instill pride in their urban community. She could speak on her grassroots experience to enact change in the Malden community.*

**David J. De Ruosi, Superintendent of Malden Public School District**

200 Pleasant Street

Malden, MA 02148

Email: [dderuosi@malden.mec.edu](mailto:dderuosi@malden.mec.edu)

Telephone: 781-397-7204

Fax: 781-397-7276

*He is the Superintendent of Schools so he could respond to any issue concerning the school system. Also, he would have a lot of information on specific facts and figures the students would want to know in relation to how to figure out solutions to their root causes.*

**Stephen L. Melanson, Director of Public Facilities**

200 Pleasant St., Room 419

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Telephone: (781) 397-7032/(781)397-7070

Fax: (781) 397-7362

*Currently, custodians report to this department, so he could speak to the issue on the lack of funding for cleaning the bathrooms. He could also speak on the energy efficiency piece because he is working under the Mayor’s proposal to make the city a “Green Community.”*

**Focus Issue: Energy Efficiency**

**Joanne Bisetta, Regional Director for the Northeast Region of the Green Communities Division under the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs in the State Department of Massachusetts**

205B Lowell Street

Wilmington, MA 01887

Email: [Joanne.Bissetta@State.MA.US](mailto:Joanne.Bissetta@State.MA.US)

Telephone: 978-694-3315

Mobile number: 617-823-4029

*Ms. Bisetta could help to find out more information on how the school can become more energy efficient is by working with Green Communities Division to assist their municipality, since that is the mission of the Green Communities Division, which was created under the Green Communities Act in the Massachusetts Senate and House in 2012.*

**MRA Main Office Government Center**

200 Pleasant Street, Room 621

Malden, MA 02148

Telephone: (781) 324-5720

**MRA Site Office**

176 Pearl Street Malden, MA 02148

Telephone: (781) 397-1940

Email: for each employee begins with the first initial of their first name and their full last name @maldenredevelopment.com.

***Main Office*:** Deborah A. Burke - Executive Director

* Sherrill Hachey - Executive Administrative Assistant
* Karen Bushee - Comptroller
* Bethany Rosa - Director of Community Development
* Noah B. Koretz - HOME Director
* Maureen Taylor - Housing & Community Development Program Assistant
* Jenny Su - Senior Accountant
* Marissa Vona - Accounting Specialist
* Debi Morelli - Administrative Assistant
* Elizabeth Debski - Project Director/River's Edge
* Stephen M. Wishoski - Program Manager

***Site Office* :**Deborah A. Burke - Executive Director

* Andrew Scarano, Jr. - Director of Neighborhood Revitalization
* Wayne Martineau - Rehab Specialist
* Shawn Rivers - Rehab Specialist
* Cui Wei (Mei) Deng - Administrative Assistant

*The Malden Redevelopment Authority works on many public works projects including updating the infrastructure in Malden High School toward more energy efficiency.*

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*Currently, he is working on making Malden a qualified “Green Community.” So he could speak to this point. I have also included people from his staff.*

**Clarie Gorman**, **Office Staff - Public Facilities**

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**Focus Issue: Lack of Funding for Bathroom Clean-up**

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**Peg Crowe, Malden City Council – Councilllor, Ward 1**

9 Hancock Street

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Telephone: 781-248-4386

*She is on the Malden City Council and she also was a part of the Malden Task Force that investigated and reported on the problem of school cleaning.*

**Adam Weldai**, **Malden School Committee – Vice Chair, Ward 5**

97 Hill Street Malden, MA 02148

E-mail: [adamweldai@gmail.com](mailto:adamweldai@gmail.com)

Telephone: 781-264-1629

*He is on the Malden School Committee and he also was a part of the Malden Task Force that investigated and reported on the problem of school cleaning.*

**Malden District Policy Manual** <http://z2policy.ctspublish.com/masc/Z2Browser2.html?showset=maldenset>

*Handbook for rules and guidelines of the district. If you go to Section D: Fiscal Management, you can see a window for other links related to the budget.*

* *Fiscal Management Goals*
* *Annual Budget – describes a budget needs to be presented each January to the Mayor by the School Committee*
* *Budget Deadlines and Schedule – must all be met*
* *Budget Planning – mission statement*
* *Revised Transfer Policy – describes how funds are transferred*
* *Funding Proposals and Applications*
* *Authorized Signatures*
* *And other sub tabs, the above are probably the most relevant for the class’s research purposes*

**Mayor's Information Center-Fiscal Year 2014 Adopted Budget**

<http://www.cityofmalden.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=content.faq&faqTypeID=210001>

*Has detailed dropdown menus with expenses and descriptions for each part of the budget.*

**FY15 budget development**

<http://bostonpublicschools.org/budget>

*This website has nice charts and graphs with descriptions on what the additions were to the budget for the upcoming year.*

**School Committee Meeting Schedule**

<http://www.malden.mec.edu/district.cfm?subpage=790403>

*Schedule of School Committee Meetings*

Malden School Budget Information and Avenues for Advocacy

*Malden School Committee*

In Malden, there is a School Committee. The committee is composed of the Mayor and eight other members whom he/she appoints. The committee meets to discuss issues of the budget and general concerns within the school system. The committee typically meets once a month. A schedule is on their website (<http://www.malden.mec.edu/district.cfm?subpage=790403>). All School Committee meetings are open to the public. **At the start of each School Committee meeting, members of the community have the opportunity to speak and present their case for a maximum of three minutes. This would be an effective way for students to bring their issue to the public.**

*Budget*

The Annual Budget must be submitted to the Mayor listing “the expenses of the public schools for then current fiscal year” in January of each year. “Public school budgeting is regulated and controlled by legislation, state regulations, and local School Committee requirements.” The district’s Superintendant is the budgeting officer and they are responsible for “budget preparation, budget presentation, and budget administration.”

*Advisory Committee*

The School Committee is also responsible for creating the An Advisory Committee can “serve as task forces for special purposes or to provide continuing consultation in a particular area of activity” for the School Committee. Of note is that there is not a permanent advisory they are only created when the School Committee finds them necessary. **This could be an avenue students could approach to increase advocacy about a particular issue, since people/groups can provide recommendations for the creation of a committee.**

*Subcommittees*

However, while there are not permanent advisory committees there are permanent subcommittees. These include Budget, Policy, Safety, Public Relations and Buildings and Grounds. **Depending on what your specific issue is you could reach out to members of these subcommittees.**

*School Improvement Plan*

Each year, by May 1st, the School Council in conjunction with the Principal must create a School Improvement Plan to be approved by the Superintendent and the School Committee. The School Improvement Plan sets out educational goals, safety, extra-curriculars, as well as reviews the school’s budget. The School Council is composed of the Principal, who is the co-chair, at least two teachers, and parent representative. “The number of parents will be equal to the number of teachers plus the principal.” These parents are elected through elections in the PTA/PTO. **Reaching out to parents and other members of the community who are on the School Council would be an effective way to have a voice in the creation of the School Improvement Plan.**

\*All quotes are from the Malden District Policy Handbook.